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## Biden scrambles to avoid Americas Summit flop in Los Angeles

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When leaders gather this week in Los Angeles at the Summit of the Americas, the focus is likely to veer from common policy changes — migration, climate change and galloping inflation — and instead shift to something Hollywood thrives on: the drama of the red carpet. With Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador topping a list of leaders threatening to stay home to protest the U.S.' exclusion of authoritarian leaders from Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, experts say the event could turn into an embarrassment for U.S. President Joe Biden. Even some progressive Democrats have criticized the administration for bowing to pressure from exiles in the swing state of Florida and barring communist Cuba, which attended the last two summits. "The real question is why the Biden administration didn't do its homework," said Jorge Castañeda, a former Mexican foreign minister who now teaches at New York University. While the Biden administration insists the president in Los Angeles will outline his vision for a "sustainable, resilient, and equitable future" for the hemisphere, Castañeda said it's clear from the last-minute wrangling over the guest list that Latin America is not a priority for the U.S. president.



President Joe Biden speaks about the May jobs report, Friday, June 3, 2022, in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

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“This ambitious agenda, no one knows exactly what it is, other than a series of bromides,” he said.

The U.S. is hosting the summit for the first time since

its launch in 1994, in Miami, as part of an effort to galvanize support for a free trade agreement stretching from Alaska to Patagonia.

But that goal was abandoned more than 15 years ago amid a rise in leftist politics in the

region. With China's influence expanding, most nations have come to expect — and need — less from Washington. As a result, the premier forum for regional cooperation has languished, at times turning into a stage for airing histori-



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, left, and Cuba's President Miguel Diaz Canel, flash V-signs as they pose for a group photo during the XXI ALBA Summit at the Palace of the Revolution, in Havana, Cuba, Friday, May 27, 2022.

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cal grievances, like when the late Venezuelan leader Hugo Chávez at the 2009 summit in Trinidad & Tobago gave President Barack Obama a copy of Eduardo Galeano's classic tract, "The Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent." The U.S. opening to former Cold War adversary Cuba, which was sealed with Obama's handshake with Raul Castro at the 2015 summit in Panama, lowered some of the ideological tensions. "It's a huge missed opportunity," Ben Rhodes, who led the Cuba thaw as deputy national security advisor in the Obama administration, said recently in his "Pod Save the World" podcast. "We are isolating ourselves by taking that step because you've got Mexico, you've got Caribbean countries saying they're not going to come — which is only going to make Cuba look stronger than us."

To bolster turnout and avert a flop, Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have

been working the phones in recent days, speaking with the leaders of Argentina and Honduras, both of whom initially expressed support for Mexico's proposed boycott. Former Senator Christopher Dodd has also crisscrossed the region as a special adviser for the summit, in the process convincing far right Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who was a staunch ally of Trump but hasn't once spoken to Biden, to belatedly confirm his attendance.

The governments of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela aren't even active members of the Washington-based Organization of the American States, which organizes the summit. "This should've been a talking point from the beginning," said former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Tom Shannon, who in a long diplomatic career attended several summits. "It's not a U.S. imposition. It was consensual. If leaders want to change that, then we should have a conversation first." □



# Agency ruling delivers big setback to Okefenokee mining plan

By **RUSS BYNUM**

**Associated Press**

**SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)** — A federal agency has delivered a big setback to a company's controversial plan to mine near the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp and its vast wildlife refuge.

A government memo said Friday that the Army Corps of Engineers is reasserting jurisdiction over Twin Pines Minerals' proposal to mine minerals just outside the Okefenokee, home to the largest U.S. wildlife refuge east of the Mississippi River. Scientists have warned that mining close to the swamp's bowl-like rim could damage its ability to hold water. They urged the Army Corps of Engineers to deny the project a permit. But the agency declared in 2020 it no longer had that authority after regulatory rollbacks under then-President Donald Trump narrowed the types of waterways qualifying for protection under the Clean Water Act.

Trump's rollbacks were later scrapped by federal courts.



The sun sets over water lilies and cypress trees along the remote Red Trail wilderness water trail of Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in Fargo, Ga.

**Associated Press**

President Joe Biden's administration has sought to restore federal oversight of development projects that under Trump had been allowed to sidestep regulations to prevent pollution of streams or draining of wetlands.

Michael Connor, the assistant Army secretary for civil works, said in the Friday memo that prior decisions waiving the Army Corps' jurisdiction over the Georgia mining plan and another proposed mine outside

Tucson, Arizona, had been reversed.

Connor wrote that both projects would have to start over with new applications for federal permits. He said the prior decisions allowing them to bypass federal regulators "are not valid" because tribal governments with ancestral ties to the proposed mining sites had not been consulted.

The Twin Pines project in Georgia will require consultation with the Muscogee

Creek Nation before it can move forward, the memo said.

"We have said from the day we announced our plans that we would follow the regulations before us at any given time," Steve Ingle, president of Twin Pines, said in a statement. He added: "We intend to move forward with our application and fulfill all requirements."

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, a Georgia Democrat who has fought the proposed mine outside the Okefenokee since he took office last year, called the decision a major victory.

"I am pleased to announce the restoration of protection for this wildlife refuge and its surrounding wetlands," Ossoff said in a statement late Friday. "The Okefenokee is a natural wonder and one of Georgia's most precious lands. I will continue fighting to protect it for future generations."

Alabama-based Twin Pines had been awaiting a permitting decision by Georgia's Environmental Protection

Division, the sole regulator with oversight over the project before the federal government's Friday decision, which restores the Army Corps regulatory authority over 556 acres (225 hectares) of wetlands in the proposed mining area. The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge covers nearly 630 square miles (1,630 square kilometers) in southeast Georgia and is home to alligators, bald eagles and other protected species. The swamp's wildlife, cypress forests and flooded prairies draw roughly 600,000 visitors each year, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the refuge.

Two decades ago, chemical giant DuPont retreated from plans to mine outside the Okefenokee after meeting fierce resistance. Twin Pines wants permits to mine a small fraction of the acreage DuPont pursued. Ingle has insisted his company can mine the site without harming the swamp. □

# Abbott restarts baby formula plant linked to contamination

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**

**AP Health Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Abbott Nutrition has restarted production at the Michigan baby formula factory that has been closed for months due to contamination, the company said Saturday, taking a step toward easing a nationwide supply shortage expected to persist into the summer.

The February shutdown of the largest formula factory in the country led to the supply problems that have forced some parents to seek formula from food banks, friends and doctor's offices. Abbott said it initially will prioritize production of its EleCare specialty formulas for infants with severe food allergies and digestive problems who have few other options for nutrition. The company said it will take about three weeks before new formula from the plant begins getting to consumers.

"We will ramp production as quickly as we can while meeting all requirements," Abbott said in a statement. The plant's reopening is one of several federal actions that are expected to improve supplies in the weeks ahead. President Joe Biden's administration has eased import rules for foreign manufacturers, airlifted formula from Europe and invoked federal emergency rules to prioritize U.S. production.

Abbott closed the Sturgis, Michigan, factory in February after the Food and Drug Administration began investigating four bacterial infections among infants who consumed powdered formula from the plant. Two of the babies died. The company continues to state that its products have not been directly linked to the infections, which involved different bacterial strains. FDA inspectors eventually uncovered a

host of violations at the plant, including bacterial contamination, a leaky roof and lax safety protocols. The FDA has faced intense scrutiny for taking months to close the plant and then negotiate its reopening. Agency leaders recently told Congress they had to enter a legally binding agreement with Abbott to assure all the problems were fixed. Abbott's February recall of several leading brands, including Similac, squeezed supplies that had already been strained by supply chain disruptions and stockpiling during COVID-19 shutdowns.

The shortage has been most dire for children with allergies, digestive problems and metabolic disorders who rely on specialty formulas. The Abbott factory is the only source of many of those products, providing nutrition to about 5,000 U.S. babies, according to federal officials.



An Abbott Laboratories manufacturing plant is shown in Sturgis, Mich., on Sept. 23, 2010.

**Associated Press**

Abbott is one of just four companies that produce about 90% of U.S. formula. The company's recalls and shutdown triggered a cascade of effects: Retailers have limited customer purchasing to conserve supplies and parents have been told to switch brands to whatever formula is in stock. FDA Commissioner Robert Califf recently told lawmakers it could be

about two months before formula supplies return to normal levels. The agency has waived many of its regulatory requirements to accept more formula from the United Kingdom, Australia and other nations. U.S. manufacturers, including Reckitt and Gerber, have also stepped up production, running plants 24/7 and sourcing more formula from alternate facilities. □



# 3 dead, 11 wounded in Philadelphia shooting on busy street

By **RON TODT**

**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Gunfire from several shooters killed three people and wounded at least 11 others in a popular Philadelphia entertainment district late Saturday night, authorities said.

Police officers were patrolling the area on South Street in central Philadelphia at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday when they heard multiple shots. Racing to the scene, they found several people with gunshot wounds lying on the sidewalk and in the street and began to render aid, Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw said.

Another responding officer saw a man on a street corner firing a handgun into a large crowd about half a block away, Outlaw said. The officer drew his weapon and fired several times, and police believe the man was struck before he dropped his handgun onto the sidewalk and fled, Outlaw said.

Outlaw said the dead were a 34-year-old man, a 27-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man. Investigators believe one of the three killed was involved in "a physical altercation" with another man, and those two began firing at each other, with both



**Philadelphia Police investigators work the scene of a fatal overnight shooting on South Street in Philadelphia, Sunday, June 5, 2022.**

struck by gunfire and one killed, Outlaw said.

The two other people killed and a number of other shooting victims, who ranged from age 17 to 69, are believed to have been innocent bystanders, Outlaw said. She called it "a dark day" for the city when many people out enjoying a beautiful day were victims of "horrendous and unthinkable acts ... in a very popular local and tourist hangout."

"It's important that we bring justice to the victims,

their families, and our community," she said.

Two handguns were recovered, including one with an extended magazine, but Chief Inspector Frank Vanore said investigators know from evidence at the scene that a total of five guns were involved. In addition, police are investigating several other shootings before and afterward, one fatal, to see whether they might be related.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital spokesperson Damien Woods said 10 pa-

tients came to that particular hospital; three dead, six in stable condition and one who has since been discharged.

South Street is known for its entertainment venues and night life with multiple bars, restaurants and businesses. Surveillance video from a local business posted by WTXF-TV showed scores of people milling about on the sidewalks and in the street, then fleeing as the gunfire broke out. Police were seeking video surveillance footage from businesses in

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the area.

Mayor Jim Kenney called the shooting "beyond devastating."

"Once again, we see lives senselessly lost and those injured in yet another horrendous, brazen and despicable act of gun violence," he said in a statement Sunday morning. "My heart is with the family, friends, loved ones of those lost or injured, and with everyone impacted by this terrible tragedy."

Kenney said the surge in gun violence in the city and across the nation "makes me not just heartbroken, but angry." He said, however, fighting this violence would be "an uphill battle" without measures to address the "availability and ease of access to firearms." Eric Walsh, closing up the outdoor seating area of a bar along the block, told The Philadelphia Inquirer that the scene was "chaos."

He said he saw a young woman collapse to the ground on the corner.

"People were coming off the street with blood splatters on white sneakers and skinned knees and skinned elbows," Walsh said. "We literally just were balling up napkins and wetting them and handing them to people." □



**Young boys paddle an inflatable kayak on a flooded Miami street, Saturday, June 4, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**

**Associated Press**

Tropical Storm Alex, the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, gained a bit more force Sunday as it headed toward Bermuda after killing three people in

Cuba and causing flooding in parts of Florida.

Alex reached tropical storm force after strengthening off Florida's east coast early Sunday.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Alex had maxi-

## Tropical Storm Alex heads toward Bermuda with high winds

mum sustained winds of 65 mph (105 kph) and was centered about 395 miles (640 kilometers) west of Bermuda late Sunday afternoon.

It was moving to the east-northeast at a brisk 28 mph (44 kph) and was expected to pass near or just north of Bermuda on Monday. A tropical storm warning was in effect there. Forecasters said it could drop 1 to 2 inches (25 to 50 mm) of rain across Bermuda beginning late Sunday and into Monday.

National Security Minister Michael Weeks said emergency services were monitoring the storm.

In Cuba, Alex killed three people, damaged dozens of homes in Havana and cut off electricity in some areas, authorities reported. Parts of South Florida experienced road flooding from heavy rain and wind Saturday.

Officials in Miami were towing stranded vehicles from flooded roadways.

Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber said the storm tested the system of drainage pumps the city recently installed as climate change flooding an issue in the low-lying area.

"We moved the water off pretty quickly, but in some

areas, obviously, it was really challenging," Gelber said. "There were some problems getting through on some streets, one of the main arteries was unpassable, but by and large water is dissipating."

Alex partially emerged from the remnants of Hurricane Agatha, which made landfall on Mexico's southern Pacific Coast last week, killing at least nine people and leaving five missing as it moved overland.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially began Tuesday. This is an unusually early start to the storm season but not unprecedented for Florida. □



# Russia hits Kyiv with missiles; Putin warns West on arms

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)** — Russia took aim Sunday at Western military supplies for Ukraine, launching airstrikes on Kyiv that it claimed destroyed tanks donated from abroad, as Vladimir Putin warned that any Western deliveries of longer-range rocket systems would prompt Moscow to hit "objects that we haven't yet struck."

The Russian leader's cryptic threat of military escalation did not specify what the new targets might be. It came days after the United States announced plans to deliver \$700 million of security assistance for Ukraine that includes four precision-guided, medium-range rocket systems, as well as helicopters, Javelin anti-tank systems, radars, tactical vehicles and more.

Military analysts say Russia hopes to overrun Ukraine's embattled eastern industrial Donbas region, where Russia-backed separatists have fought the Ukrainian government since 2014, before any U.S. weapons that might turn the tide arrive. The Pentagon said last week that it will take at least three weeks to get the U.S. weapons onto the battlefield.

Ukraine said the missiles aimed at the capital hit a train repair shop. Elsewhere, Russian airstrikes in the eastern city of Druzhkivka destroyed buildings and left at least one person dead, a Ukrainian official said Sunday. Residents described waking to the sound of missile strikes, with rubble and glass falling down around them.

"It was like in a horror movie," Svitlana Romashkina said.

Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko urged city residents to leave, saying on Facebook that ruined buildings can be restored but "we won't be able to bring back the lives lost."

The Russian Defense Ministry said air-launched precision missiles were used to destroy workshops in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine, including in Druzh-



Wreckage lie along a street at a railway service facility hit by a Russian missile strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

kivka, that were repairing damaged Ukrainian military equipment.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's General Staff said Russian forces fired five X-22 cruise missiles from the Caspian Sea toward Kyiv, and one was destroyed by air defenses. Four other missiles hit "infrastructure facilities," but Ukraine said there were no casualties. Nuclear plant operator Energoatom said one cruise missile buzzed close to the Pivden-noukraiinsk nuclear plant, 350 kilometers (220 miles) to the south, and warned of the possibility of a nuclear catastrophe if even one missile fragment hit the plant.

On the Telegram app, the Russian Defense Ministry said high-precision, long-range air-launched missiles were used on the outskirts of Kyiv, destroying T-72 tanks supplied by Eastern European countries and other armored vehicles in a train car repair shop. But the head of Ukraine's railway system rejected the claim that tanks were inside. Oleksandr Kamyshin said four missiles hit the Darnytsia car repair plant, but no military equipment has been stored there. He said the site was used to repair gondolas and carriers for exporting grain.

"Russia has once again lied," he wrote on Tele-

gram. "Their real goal is the economy and the civilian population. They want to block our ability to export Ukrainian products."

In a television interview that aired Sunday, Putin lashed out at Western deliveries of weapons to Ukraine, saying they aim to prolong the conflict.

"All this fuss around additional deliveries of weapons, in my opinion, has only one goal: to drag out the armed conflict as much as possible," Putin said. He insisted such supplies were unlikely to change the military situation for Ukraine's government, which he said was merely making up for losses of similar rockets.

If Kyiv gets longer-range rockets, he added, Moscow will "draw appropriate conclusions and use our means of destruction, which we have plenty of, in order to strike at those objects that we haven't yet struck."

The U.S. has stopped short of offering Ukraine longer-range weapons that could fire deep into Russia. But the four medium-range High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems in the security package include launchers on wheels that allow troops to strike a target and then quickly move away — which could be useful against Russian artillery on the battlefield.

The Spanish daily El Pais reported Sunday that Spain planned to supply anti-aircraft missiles and up to 40 Leopard 2 A4 battle tanks to Ukraine. Spain's Ministry of Defense did not comment on the report.

In Kyiv's eastern Darnytsky district, a pillar of smoke filled the air with an acrid odor over the charred, blackened wreckage of a warehouse-type structure. Soldiers blocked off a nearby road leading toward a large railway yard.

Before Sunday's early morning attack, Kyiv had not faced any such Russian airstrikes since the April 28 visit of U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres. The attack triggered air-raid alarms and showed that Russia still had the capability and willingness to hit at Ukraine's heart, despite refocusing its efforts to capture Ukrainian territory in the east.

In recent days, Russian forces have focused on capturing Ukraine's eastern cities of Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk. On Sunday they continued their push, with missile and airstrikes on cities and villages in the Donbas.

In the cities of Sloviansk and Bakhmut, cars and military vehicles were seen speeding into town Sunday from the direction of the front line. Dozens of military doc-

tors and paramedic ambulances worked to evacuate civilians and Ukrainian servicemen, and a hospital was busy treating the injured, many hurt by artillery shelling.

The U.K. military said in its daily intelligence update that Ukrainian counterattacks in Sievierodonetsk were "likely blunting the operational momentum Russian forces previously gained through concentrating combat units and firepower." Russian forces previously had been making a string of advances in the city, but Ukrainian fighters have pushed back in recent days.

The statement also said Russia's military was partly relying on reserve forces of Luhansk separatists.

"These troops are poorly equipped and trained, and lack heavy equipment in comparison to regular Russian units," the intelligence update said, adding that the move "indicates a desire to limit casualties suffered by regular Russian forces."

Both sides in the conflict have been waging an information war, especially on television, along with military attacks. Russia's Tass news agency reported Sunday that Ukrainian forces had knocked out broadcast TV service in Donetsk, where it said a broadcast tower had toppled. Ukrainian authorities did not immediately confirm the attack. In the Azov Sea port of Mariupol, which Russia claimed to have captured in May following a brutal monthslong siege, a mayoral aide said water supplies contaminated by decomposing corpses and garbage were causing dysentery and posing a threat of cholera and other diseases.

In remarks carried by Ukraine's Unian news agency, Petro Andriushchenko said Russian authorities controlling the city have imposed a quarantine. He did not describe what measures Russian authorities had included, and his report could not be independently confirmed. □

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## Mediterranean nations criticize EU solidarity on migrants

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**

**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — Five European Union nations on the Mediterranean who fear possible waves of refugees driven by hunger out of Africa called Saturday for an end to the EU's "voluntary" solidarity on migrants and a better way to redistribute the burden of caring for them.

The Interior ministers from Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Malta and Spain wrapped up two days of talks in Venice amid worries that the blockade of Ukraine grain exports due to Russia's invasion could see huge numbers of refugees from Africa flooding southern Europe.

Cypriot Interior Minister Nicos Nouris told reporters that robust, common EU policy is needed on migration. "Solidarity is not a slogan, nor can it be void of substance," Nouris said.

Past EU policies in which member countries could offer to receive some of the hundreds of thousands of migrants landing in Italy, Greece and other southern shores proved grossly inadequate.



**of migrants sit in a wooden boat adrift off the waters of Tunisia early Wednesday, May 25, 2022.**  
**Associated Press**

Many EU countries didn't step forward. Others, even with they did pledge to receive modest numbers of some of the hundreds of thousands of migrants rescued from smugglers' unseaworthy boats, didn't follow through.

"Solidarity in our mind cannot be voluntary," Nouris said.

He noted that after several years of Cyprus taking in mi-

grants, now 5% of the eastern Mediterranean island nation's population consists of asylum-seekers.

The meeting did not address the millions of Ukrainian refugees who recently flooded into northern EU nations like Poland, Hungary and Romania.

How Europe handles large numbers of migrants takes on particular urgency now, amid fears that drought in

Africa and surging food prices even before the war made shipping Ukrainian grain to Somalia, Egypt and other poor nations impossible could drive up the already alarmingly numbers of hungry people.

In the Sahel, the part of Africa just below the Sahara desert, an estimated 18 million people are facing severe hunger as farmers endure their worst produc-

tion season in more than a decade.

Italian Interior Minister Luciana Lamorgese cited the blocking of grain in Ukraine as just another reason for the EU to develop a "adequate mechanism of distributing migrants" among its members.

She also pressed for more repatriation agreements with countries whose people are seeking a better life in Europe but had their asylum bids rejected since they are fleeing poverty, not war or persecution.

Italy has an effective repatriation agreement with Tunisia, but not with most other countries in Africa or in Asia whose citizens take to smugglers' boats to try to reach southern European shores. As a result, even though their asylum applications fail, many migrants remain in Italy, often taking illegal jobs or resorting to begging.

Greece's interior minister expressed support for more legal paths for migration.

"We cannot let smugglers decide who comes to live in Europe," minister Notis Mitarachi told reporters. □



**Firefighters work to contain a fire that broke out at the BM Inland Container Depot, a Dutch-Bangladesh joint venture, in Chittagong, 216 kilometers (134 miles) southeast of capital, Dhaka, Bangladesh, early Sunday, June 5, 2022.**  
**Associated Press**

By **JULHAS ALAM**

**Associated Press**

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)** — A massive fire at a container depot near a port city in southeastern Bangladesh killed at least 49 people, including nine firefighters, and injured more than 100 others, officials and local media reported Sunday, as efforts to extinguish the

blaze continued into a second night.

The inferno at the BM Inland Container Depot, a Dutch-Bangladesh joint venture, broke out around midnight Saturday following explosions in a container full of chemicals. The cause of the fire could not be immediately determined. The depot is located near

## At least 49 dead in 2nd day of Bangladesh cargo depot fire

country's main Chittagong Seaport, 216 kilometers (134 miles) southeast of the capital, Dhaka.

At least nine firefighters were among the dead, according to Brig. Gen. Main Uddin, director general of the Bangladesh fire service and civil defense. More than 10 others were being treated for burns, he added.

Multiple rounds of explosions occurred after the initial blast as the fire continued to spread, Uddin said. Explosives experts from Bangladesh's military have been called in to assist the firefighters. The explosions shattered the windows of nearby buildings and were felt as far as 4 kilometers (2 1/2 miles) away, officials and local media reports said.

The death toll reached 49

by Sunday evening, according to Ekattor TV station, and the area's civil surgeon said the number could still rise as the fire raged for a second night.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her shock at the accident and ordered adequate arrangement for medical treatment of the injured.

Bangladesh has a history of industrial disasters, including factories catching fire with workers trapped inside. Monitoring groups have blamed corruption and lax enforcement.

Global brands, which employ tens of thousands of low-paid workers in Bangladesh, have come under fire to improve factory conditions in recent years. In the country's massive garment industry, which employs about 4 million people,

safety conditions have improved significantly after massive reforms, but experts say accidents could still occur if other sectors do not make similar changes.

In 2012, about 117 workers died when they were trapped behind locked exits in a garment factory in Dhaka.

The country's worst industrial disaster occurred the following year, when the Rana Plaza garment factory outside Dhaka collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

In 2019, a blaze ripped through a 400-year-old area cramped with apartments, shops and warehouses in the oldest part of Dhaka and killed at least 67 people. Another fire in Old Dhaka in a house illegally storing chemicals killed at least 123 people in 2010. □





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## Puerto Ricans speak out on U.S. territory's political status

By DÁNICA COTO  
Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)**

— Hundreds of Puerto Ricans crowded into a convention center Saturday where federal legislators held a public hearing to decide the future of the island's political status as the U.S. territory struggles to recover from hurricanes, earthquakes and a deep economic crisis.

One by one, dozens of people ranging from politicians to retirees to young people leaned into a microphone and spoke against the island's current territorial status, which recognizes its people as U.S. citizens but does not allow them to vote in presidential elections, denies them certain federal benefits and allows them one representative in Congress with limited voting powers.

The hearing comes two weeks after a group of Democratic congress members including the House majority leader and one Republican proposed what would be the first-ever binding plebiscite that would offer voters in Puerto Rico three options: statehood, independence or independence with free association, whose terms would be defined following negotiations.

Congress would have to accept Puerto Rico as the 51st state if voters so choose it, but the proposal is not expected to survive in the Senate, where Republicans have long opposed statehood.

"Everyone, even congress people themselves, know that the possibilities of this becoming law are minimal and maybe non-existent, but it doesn't stop being important," former Puerto Rico governor Aníbal Acevedo Vilá told The Associ-

ated Press.

About an hour into the hearing, a small group of people including a former gubernatorial candidate who supports independence burst into the ballroom, pointed fingers at the panel of U.S. legislators and yelled, "120 years of colonialism!"

The majority of the audience booed the group and yelled at them to leave as U.S. lawmakers called for calm.

"Democracy is not always pretty, but it's necessary," said Rep. Raúl Grijalva of Arizona, chairman of the U.S. House of Natural Resources Committee, which oversees affairs in U.S. territories.

The proposal of a binding plebiscite — a measure that has not yet been introduced in committee — has frustrated some on an island that already has held seven unilateral, nonbinding referendums on its political status, with no overwhelming majority emerging. The last referendum was held in November 2020, with 53% of votes for statehood and 47% against, with only a little more than half of registered voters participating. Luis Herrero, a political consultant, said during the hearing that even if enough people support statehood, there are not enough votes in the Senate to make Puerto Rico a state: "Not today, not yesterday, not tomorrow. Since 1898, Puerto Rican statehood has been a mirage, lip service to score cheap political points or to raise a few dollars for a campaign."

Saturday's hearing comes amid ongoing discontent with Puerto Rico's current political status, with the U.S. Supreme Court further angering many in April after upholding the differen-

tial treatment of residents of Puerto Rico. In an 8-1 vote, the court ruled that making Puerto Ricans ineligible for the Supplemental Security Income program, which offers benefits to blind, disabled and older Americans, did not unconstitutionally discriminate against them.

As a result, many of those who spoke at Saturday's public hearing welcomed the proposed binding plebiscite.

"We finally see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Víctor Pérez, a U.S. military veteran who lamented the current political status. "Even after all our service and sacrifice, we come back home and we are denied full voting rights and equality. ... We cannot



The Puerto Rican flag flies in front of Puerto Rico's Capitol as in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 29, 2015.

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vote for our president, our commander in chief, (but) they send us to war."

Grijalva said the testimonies given Saturday will help him and other legislators revise the proposed

measure, which he said is a way to make amends. He said he hopes it will go to the House floor by August. If eventually approved, it would be held on Nov. 5, 2023. □



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## Over a decade in business, Aruba Living Today: Offering the so much needed human touch

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## Inflation divide: The wealthy splurge, the poorest pull back

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
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AP Business Writers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Americans at the low end of the income rung are once again struggling to make ends meet.

A confluence of factors — the expiration of federal stimulus checks and surging inflation on staples like gas and food — are driving an even bigger wedge between the haves and have-nots.

While wealthier shoppers continue to splurge, low-income shoppers have pulled back faster than expected in the past two months. They're focusing on necessities while turning to cheaper items or less expensive stores. And they're buying only a little at a time.

It's a reversal from a year or so ago when low-income shoppers, flush with money from the government and buoyed by wage increases, were able to spend more freely.

Kisha Galvan, a 44-year-old mother of eight children from ages 9 to 27, was able to stock up on groceries for the week and buy extras like clothing and shoes at Walmart for her children last year.

But without the pandemic-related government support and inflation hovering at a near 40-year high, she is buying more canned food and depending on the local food pantry several times a week instead of once a week.

"I shop meal to meal," said the Rockford, Illinois, resident who has lived on disability for the past 15 years. "Before, we didn't have to worry about what we were going to get. We just go get it."

The deep divide in spending was reflected in the latest round of quarterly earnings for retailers. At the high end of the spectrum, Nordstrom and Ralph Lauren reported stronger-than-expected sales as their well-heeled shoppers returned to pre-pandemic routines. Lululemon also reported strong quarterly sales of its pricey athletic wear.



In this image provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Kisha Galvan and her grandchildren, pose for a photo after stocking up on food items from the Northern Illinois Food Bank on May 26, 2022, in Rockford, Ill.

But on the other end, Walmart's customers are switching to cheaper lunch meats and half gallons of milk from full gallons. Kohl's, a mid-priced department store, said its customers were spending less on each visit. And Gap slashed its annual financial outlook, specifically citing the strain from inflation at its low-price Old Navy chain. Both Dollar Tree and Dollar General, which historically benefit from shoppers trading down during difficult economic times, raised their sales outlooks last month. Meanwhile, discounter Big Lots suffered steep sales declines in the latest quarter, noting cutbacks in items like furniture. "We are now in a new chapter where high inflation is greatly limiting the ability of consumers to make discretionary purchases, especially of high ticket items," Big Lots CEO and President Bruce K. Thorn told analysts late last month. "We know that many Americans now are once again living paycheck-to-paycheck." The pullback among low-income shoppers has not affected overall spending, which is still up. In April,

the government said retail sales outpaced inflation for a fourth straight month, a reassuring sign that consumers — the primary drivers of America's economy — are still providing vital support and helping ease concerns that a recession might be near.

But analysts believe even affluent shoppers could re-trench if the stock market continues to weaken. Marshal Cohen, chief industry advisor at market research firm The NPD Group Inc., said the stock market affects higher income shoppers "psychologically" and more losses on paper could make them cut back.

The spending mood has shifted from last October and November, when the Fed conducted a survey and found that almost eight in 10 adults were either "doing okay or living comfortably" when it came to their finances in 2021, the highest proportion to say so since the survey began in 2013. For those earning less than \$25,000, the proportion that said they were doing at least okay jumped to 53% from 40%.

But inflation has taken a bigger bite out of personal

budgets and wiped away some of the wage gains, especially for those who earn less. The national average cost of a gallon of gas, for example, has jumped to \$4.76 from \$4.20 a month ago and a painful 56% from a year earlier, according to AAA.

At the Northern Illinois Food Bank, which feeds people in 13 counties including Galvan and her family, the average monthly number of visits grew to more than 400,000 in the February through April period, from 311,000 in the July through September period, according to president and CEO Julie Yurko.

Across the economy, median wages jumped 6% in April from a year earlier, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. But even though that was the largest increase since 1990, it was still below the inflation rate of 8.3%. Meanwhile, the poorest one-fifth of Americans

have exhausted the savings they'd built up during the pandemic in part through stimulus checks, child tax credit payments and higher wages, according to calculations by Jeffries, an investment bank. Americans' bank accounts. The other four-fifths of U.S. households are still sitting on a large stockpile of additional savings since the pandemic, with much of that held by the top fifth. Inflation is playing out differently within businesses that cater to shoppers with varying income levels.

Michelle Gass, CEO of Kohl's, said some shoppers are trading up to premium brands like Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein, while others are going to lower-price store labels.

Macy's boosted its annual outlook based on the spending habits of its wealthier shoppers, but its customers with median household income of \$75,000 and below are switching more to its off-price brand.

The current environment is making it difficult for retailers to pass on higher costs. Macy's, for instance, got pushback after raising prices on some casual clothing items and home accessories.

"We're definitely seeing some balk at some of the prices," Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette recently told analysts on the company's earnings call. "We've made adjustments there." For the Northern Illinois Food Bank — like many food banks — food costs are spiking amid dwindling donations.

"Inflation and rising food costs mean the food bank has to make tough choices about our budget," Yurko said. "What foods can we provide consistently and what foods can we only provide if they are donated to us?" □

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**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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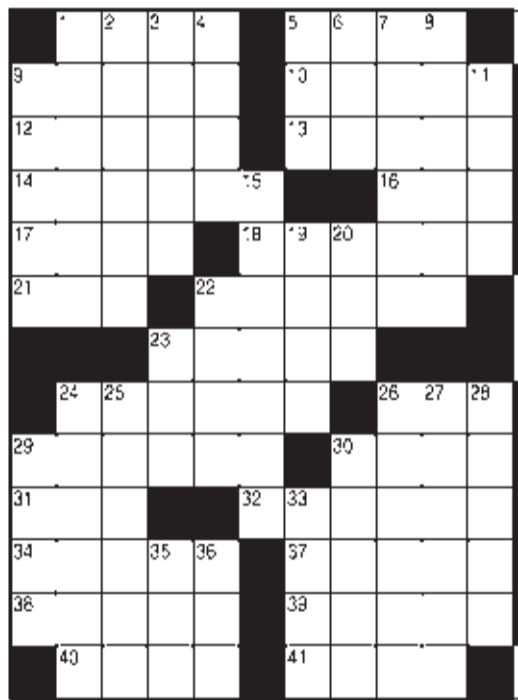
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE TWO MEANS OF REFUGE FROM THE MISERIES OF LIFE:

**Mark Rylance brings his quirky brilliance to golfing tale**

By JOCELYN NOVECK  
 AP National Writer

As one of our most talented living actors on screen or stage, Mark Rylance certainly knows how to speak beautifully. But sometimes it seems the essence of his acting emerges in those blank seconds between words.

He hems, he haws, he pauses, he hesitates. He's never afraid of leaving a few beats of dead space, and it keeps us off guard — often making us forget we're hearing lines from a script.

Rylance is also one of those few actors who can power an entire film, and "The Phantom of the Open" definitely rides on the strength of his signature quirky energy as it tells the true-life story of Maurice Flitcroft, a shipyard crane operator from northern England who stunned the golfing world in 1976 by entering the British Open under false pretenses — he'd never played a round of golf — and shooting the worst qualifying round in Open history. Then he entered a bunch more times, under false names and in disguise, earning folk hero status along the way. But Flitcroft wasn't joking. He truly believed he had a chance, and he had undying support from his wife, Jean, who urged him to follow his dreams. As did two of his sons, whom he encouraged to do the same — they were global disco dancing champions (yes, we said disco dancing champions.)

So you have a great real-life story and one of the world's best actors to tell it, along with the marvelous Sally Hawkins as Jean, who brings shading and



This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Mark Rylance as Maurice Flitcroft, right, and Mark Lewis Jones as Cliff in a scene from "The Phantom of the Open."

Associated Press

poignancy to what could have been a formulaic part (with occasionally gooey dialogue). You also have a fun soundtrack full of period pop references and original music by Isabel Waller-Bridge.

Yet with all that going for them, director Craig Roberts and writer Simon Farnaby don't ever truly show us why Flitcroft did what he did. What was the drive behind his, er, drives? He was clearly serious, but why golf, something he'd never attempted in his half century on earth? The film is so entertaining, it pretty much gets away without exploring the question.

In an opening sequence recapping Flitcroft's life up to 1975, we learn that shipyard work was the only option for a young working-class man in Barrow-in-Furness at the northwest tip of England. But when, at age 46, social conditions imperil his career, his wife urges him to find a new dream. Watching telly one day, he happens on a golf tournament. Something clicks in his brain. The moment is captured in a dream sequence where Flitcroft

mounts and is catapulted from an actual tee — as if he were a golf ball.

Soon, Jean is helping him fill out entry forms to the Open. Adorably, neither of them know what "handicap" means so they decide to disclose his false teeth and "a touch of arthritis." When his application arrives, supercilious tournament authorities assume nobody would be stupid enough to say they're a golf pro if they're not.

So the ruse begins. It does not go well, but at the end of an amusing day, a TV announcer intones: "The day belongs to Maurice." For most of the world, it's a fun joke. Flitcroft himself is insulted by that assumption. He will be back, he promises: "Practice is the road to perfection."

A journalist latches onto the story and suddenly Maurice is the "Phantom of the Open." A montage of his media notoriety is accompanied by a hugely entertaining dance sequence to the strains of Abba's "Money, Money, Money." But golf authority Keith Mackenzie — a terrifically stuck-up Rhys Ifans — is furious. He bans Flitcroft from joining any golf clubs. Also, older son Mike, who is upwardly mobile at the shipyard, is deeply ashamed. But Jean remains ever true. "How do you think Jack Nicholson would have done if he'd taken up golf at 50?" she asks supportively. Maurice corrects her gently: "Jack Nicklaus." □

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# Researchers: Breast cancer drug could help more patients

By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
AP Medical Writer

For the first time, a drug targeting a protein that drives breast cancer growth has been shown to work against tumors with very low levels of the protein.

It's not a cure. But this latest gain for targeted cancer therapy could open new treatment possibilities to thousands of patients with advanced breast cancer. Until now, breast cancers have been categorized as either HER2-positive — the cancer cells have more of the protein than normal — or HER2-negative. Doctors reporting the advance Sunday said it will make "HER2-low" a new category for guiding breast cancer treatment.

About half of patients with late-stage breast cancer formerly categorized as HER2-negative may actually be HER2-low and eligible for the drug.

The drug is Enhertu, an antibody-chemotherapy combo given by IV. It finds and blocks the HER2 protein on cancer cells, while also unloading a powerful cancer-killing chemical inside those cells. It belongs to a relatively new class of drugs called antibody-drug conjugates.

The drug was already approved for HER2-positive breast cancer, and in April the Food and Drug Administration granted it breakthrough status for this new group of patients.

In the new study, the drug lengthened the time patients lived without their cancer progressing and improved survival com-



This undated photo provided by Daiichi Sankyo and AstraZeneca in June 2022 shows a vial and packaging for their Enhertu, an antibody-chemotherapy drug administered intravenously. Associated Press

pared with patients given standard chemotherapy. The study compared Enhertu to standard chemo in about 500 patients with HER2-low breast cancer that had spread or could not be treated with surgery. The drug stopped the progress of cancer for about 10 months compared with about 5 1/2 months in the group getting regular care. The drug improved survival by about six months (from 17.5 months to 23.9 months).

"It's a practice-changing study," said Dr. Sylvia Adams, who directs breast cancer care at NYU Langone Health and enrolled several patients in the study. "It addresses a major unmet need for patients who have metastatic breast cancer."

Now, it will be important to define the HER2 gray area to make sure the right patients receive the treatment and then to monitor them closely, experts said. The drug, which costs about \$14,000 a month, can have severe complications. Three patients in the study died of a lung disease that's a known hazard of the drug. Doctors need to make sure patients report breathing problems right away so the drug can be stopped and patients treated with steroids.

The findings were featured Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in Chicago and published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Funding for the study came from Tokyo-based Daiichi

Sankyo and U.K.-based AstraZeneca, which jointly developed the drug. Patients take the drug until they can no longer tolerate it.

"A lot of people, including a lot of patients, will not have heard of HER2-low breast cancer before," said the study's lead author, Dr. Shanu Modi of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

"We finally have a HER2-targeted drug that for the first time can target that low level of HER2 expression," Modi said. "This drug actually helps to define HER2-low breast cancer. It makes it, for the first time, a targetable population."

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# Foot pain leaves French Open champ Nadal's future uncertain

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
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**PARIS (AP)** — Rafael Nadal's painful left foot was numbed by multiple injections to two nerves throughout the French Open, the only way he has found to deal with a chronic condition he acknowledges puts his tennis future in doubt.

At any other tournament, Nadal said, he would not have persisted through what he called such "extreme conditions."

Ah, but five simple words uttered after he strung together the last 11 games of a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 victory over an overwhelmed Casper Ruud in Sunday's intriguing-for-a-handful-of-minutes final at Court Philippe Chatrier explained Nadal's mindset: "Roland Garros is Roland Garros."

And so even if Nadal, a French Open champion for the 14th time now at age 36, is in obvious ways different from Nadal, a French Open champion for the first time all the way back in 2005 at age 19, that desire to give his all, no matter what, to "find solutions" — one of his oft-used phrases — remains the same.

He is the oldest champion in the history of a tournament that began in 1925, and his hair is thinning on top. The chartreuse T-shirt he wore Sunday had sleeves, unlike his biceps-baring look of nearly two decades ago. The white capri pants that ran below his knees back in the day were long since traded in for more standard shorts; Sunday's were turquoise.

Here's what hasn't changed along the way to his 22 Grand Slam titles in all, another record, in addition to his between-point mannerisms and meticulous attention paid to the must-be-just-so placement of water bottles and towels: That lefty uppercut of a top-spin-slathered, high-bouncing forehand still finds the mark much more frequently than it misses, confounding foes. That ability to read serves and return them with a purpose still stings. That never-concede-a-thing attitude propelling Nadal



**Spain's Rafael Nadal lifts the trophy after winning the final match against Norway's Casper Ruud in three sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Sunday, June 5, 2022.**

Associated Press

from side to side, forward and backward, speeding to, and redirecting, balls off an opponent's racket seemingly destined to be unreachable. Nadal is nothing if not indefatigable, just as he was in consecutive four-hour-plus victories earlier in the tournament — including against Novak Djokovic, the defending champion and No. 1 seed — and again on this afternoon, even while competing on a foot devoid of any feeling.

"When you are playing defensive against Rafa on clay," said Ruud, a 23-year-old Norwegian who was participating in his first major final, "he will eat you alive."

Nadal said afterward he will try other methods of helping his foot — including, even, a way "to burn, a little bit, the nerve" — over the next week to see whether that might allow him to enter Wimbledon, where he has won two of his men's-record 22 Grand Slam titles. Play begins at

the All England Club on June 27.

If these new treatments do not work, Nadal said, then he will need to consider having what he termed major surgery — and, eventually, a "decision about what's the next step in my future."

"It's obvious that with the circumstances that I am playing (in)," Nadal said, "I can't and I don't want to keep going."

During the trophy ceremony, Nadal thanked his family and support team, including a doctor who accompanied him to Paris, for helping him, because otherwise he would have needed to "retire much before."

"I don't know what can happen in the future," Nadal told the crowd, "but I'm going to keep fighting to try to keep going."

He played so crisply and cleanly Sunday, accumulating more than twice as many winners as Ruud, 37 to 16. Nadal also committed fewer unforced errors,

making just 16 to Ruud's 26. After trailing 3-1 in the second set, Nadal would not cede another game.

"After that moment," Nadal said, "everything went very smooth."

Sure did.

The view from the other side of the net?

"I'm just another one of the victims," Ruud said, "that he has destroyed on this court."

One of the most indelible memories Ruud will take away from this day was hearing the announcer recite the long list of years Nadal had previously won the French Open: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

"Never stops, it seems like," Ruud said. "That takes like half a minute."

When the players met at the net for the prematch coin toss, the first chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!" rang out in the 15,000-seat stadium. Ruud would later hear folks in the stands do drawn-out pronouncements of his last

name, so it sounded as if they might be booing.

Nadal is 14-0 in finals at Roland Garros, 112-3 overall. When this one ended with a down-the-line backhand from Nadal, he chucked his racket to the red clay he loves so much and covered his face with the taped-up fingers on both of his hands. No man or woman ever has won the singles trophy at any major event more than his 14 in Paris. And no man has won more Grand Slam titles than Nadal.

He is two ahead of Roger Federer, who hasn't played in almost a year after a series of knee operations, and Djokovic, who missed the Australian Open in January because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19. For all that he has accomplished already, Nadal now has done something he never managed previously: He is halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam thanks to titles at the Australian Open and French Open in the same season.

But if he can't play at Wimbledon, which he has won twice, that doesn't really matter much.

Ruud considers Nadal his idol. He recalls watching all of Nadal's past finals in Paris on TV. He has trained at Nadal's tennis academy in Mallorca.

They have played countless practice sets together there with nothing more at stake than bragging rights. Nadal usually won those, and Ruud joked the other day that's because he was trying to be a polite guest. The two had never met in a real match until Sunday, when a championship, money, ranking points, prestige and a piece of history were on the line. And Nadal demonstrated, as he has so often, why he's known as the King of Clay — and among the game's greatest ever.

"It's something that I, for sure, never believed — to be here at 36, being competitive again, playing in the most favorite court of my career, one more time in the final," Nadal said. "It means a lot to me. Means everything." □



## Haney retains WBC lightweight belt in decision over Kamposos

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** — American Devin Haney made it official — and unanimous — on Sunday. He's the undisputed world lightweight boxing champion.

Haney retained his WBC lightweight title and added three more from the weight class after his unanimous points decision over Australian George Kamposos.

The 23-year-old Haney won three of the first four rounds and was well ahead at the halfway point of the 12-round bout to become undisputed champion in the lightweight division.

The judges scored the fight 116-112, 116-112 and 118-110 in Haney's favor.

Haney, who proved to be the better technical fighter before a crowd of 41,129 at the covered Marvel Stadium in Melbourne, now has an undefeated record of 28-0 with 15 KOs.

"I was comfortable, just sticking to the game plan," Haney said. "The game plan was to hit and not get hit. I fought a good smart fight. He couldn't hit me with either of his best shots."

Haney praised the U.S.-based Kamposos, who was fighting for the first time in his native Australia in five years.

"I take my hat off to him, he's a true warrior. Even though he got disrespectful, I stayed a gentleman," Haney said. "A lot of these so-called champions wouldn't give me my shot, but George has."

Kamposos, 28, held the WBO, WBA, and IBF lightweight titles heading into the fight. Those now belong to Haney.

Kamposos' unbeaten pro career record has ended — he's 20-1 with 10 KOs. Kamposos won all three of his world titles when he beat Teofimo Lopez in 2019.

While Kamposos landed the heavier blows throughout the 12-round contest, Haney peppered the home hope with left jabs to win over the judges.

The fighters barely threw a punch in a watchful open-

ing round that Kamposos may have stolen with a late combination to the American's body. Kamposos landed the first big punch of the fight, a heavy right to Haney's head, in the second as the Australian had his challenger retreating. A more aggressive Haney took the third round with a series of left jabs and looked to have also shaded the fourth before Kamposos delivered a big left hook late.

Kamposos landed another strong, much-needed left in the sixth round as Haney's peppering jab began to show on the Australian's face. Haney controlled rounds seven and eight, leaving Kamposos to find something to sway the judges. □



Devin Haney, right, of the United States, fights during his bout against Australia's George Kamposos in their WBC lightweight title fight in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

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